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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
FROM : Chief, London Bureau

DATE: 5 December 1977

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--London Bureau--November 1977

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

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MTI file
cov Hungary
1. The BBC's attempts to obtain the domestic service file of the Hungarian news agency MTI, which was switched landline transmission in April, have so far been unsuccessful. MTI seems reluctant to provide the file, alleging the lack of a line to Vienna, from where the file could be relayed to Caversham, and the need for special terminal equipment for the transmissions, which employ a form of facsimile. The BBC continues to press for a solution.
 2. Moscow TV contractor [] visited the bureau on TDY 7-9 November for orientation and briefings and a visit to the local IVC office. The visit enabled [] to gain much greater insight into the whole TV operation, and we anticipate an improvement in program selection and picture quality. Engineering Staff concurred in our suggestion that the bureau order another Barco receiver/monitor to send to the contractor in Moscow. The new set will enable her to see the quality of the color being recorded and should enable her to obtain optimum tuning.
 3. November proved to be the highest production month in EMU's history. The high-volume total of 395,270 words was mainly attributable to the massive amount of material related to the 60th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution.
 4. French/Italian monitor trainee [] EOD'd on 14 November as planned. She is already producing copy from both languages.

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